

The County Executive's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I consider participating in YAC?

Teens experience many positive opportunities through participation in YAC:

- ❖ Earn Student Service Learning credits while planning safe, fun teen events.
- ❖ Develop valuable leadership skills while meeting new friends from across the county.
- ❖ Promote positive choices, leadership development, and community service to your peers.
- ❖ Make a difference in your community!

Am I eligible to participate in YAC?

Eligible applicants:

- ❖ Are entering 7th through 12th grades in September 2010.
- ❖ Live in or attend school in Montgomery County.
- ❖ May attend public or independent schools.

What do YAC members *do*?

YAC members meet to discuss teen issues and solutions. They also perform monthly service projects in the community. YAC assists in planning teen events such as Battle of the Bands, the Global Youth Service Day and the TeenLEAD Forum. Members provide valuable insight and feedback to decision makers (e.g. the County Executive, County Council and Department of Recreation) and design marketing materials for teen events.

When and where does YAC meet?

- ❖ Countywide YAC meets two Tuesdays each month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, Maryland.
- ❖ Upcounty YAC meets one Thursday each month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Germantown Community Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown, Maryland.
- ❖ East County YAC meets one Thursday each month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland.

What is the difference between the Countywide and Regional committees?

In addition to the Regional Committees' meeting locations and schedules, the Upcounty and East County Regional YACs focus is mainly in performing service projects to improve their communities. Regional members are invited to attend all leadership development opportunities and special events offered to Countywide members.

How do I apply for YAC?

Please download an application from the Teen Programs page at

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec or call 240.777.6900 to request to have an application mailed to your home. **Applications for the 2010 – 2011 will be available in the spring.**